

Will Host Transportation Roundtable, Lead Recovery Act Site Visit

Las Cruces, NM – On Wednesday, October 13th, Harry Teague will be joined by Ray LaHood, the US Secretary of Transportation, to discuss transportation and infrastructure issues in Las Cruces.

The day will begin with a roundtable discussion on transportation and infrastructure projects and priorities in Las Cruces. The roundtable, which will also feature NMDOT Secretary Gary Girón, Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagashima and NMSU President Barbara Couture, as well as local representatives and representatives from NMDOT, New Mexico Spaceport, and the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, will focus on the benefits of commuter rail running from El Paso to Las Cruces, as well as the Interchange between I-10 and I-25.

Harry Teague and Secretary LaHood will be available to visit with interested media following the event.

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Secretary LaHood, a former Republican Congressman from Illinois, and Harry Teague, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, will then travel to Vado, NM for a visit to the site of the I-10 expansion. They will join NMDOT Secretary Gary Girón and NMDOT officials for a tour and briefing on the progress of the third lane expansion, made possible with funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This project includes the reconstruction of existing lanes on Interstate 10 and expansion from a four-lane to a six-lane highway to accommodate high commuter and commercial traffic from El Paso. Interested media is invited to attend the site visit.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH:

WHO: Harry Teague, Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, NMDOT Secretary Gary Girón, Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagashima, NMSU President Barbara Couture and local officials

WHAT: Transportation and Infrastructure Roundtable

WHERE: Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Water St, Las Cruces

WHEN: Interested media should arrive at 11:00 AM

WHO: Harry Teague, Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, NMDOT Secretary Gary Girón

WHAT: I-10 Expansion Recovery Act Site Visit

WHERE: Mountain States Construction Inc. (MSCI) Yard – Exit 155 East Side of the Road

(If traveling from El Paso, take Exit 155 and turn right at the stop sign and continue about 200 feet to MSCI yard. Media may park on the shoulder of the road leading into the yard)

WHEN: 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

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